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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OR DIVISION OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION**

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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior international application Number PCT PCT/PR02/02547, filed on 07/17/02, entitled Flexible Vertebral linking device, which designated the United States.

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))		12 - 20 =	-	x \$ ---- =	\$ -
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))		1 - 3 =	-	x \$ ---- =	-
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))				x \$ ---- =	
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	770
				Total of above Calculations =	770
				Reduction by 50% for filing small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27) -	385
				Total =	385

1. Enclosed are the specification, claims and drawing(s).
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment of Deposit Account No. 50-2621. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
5. ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.
7. ☒ If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:  
☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional of prior PCT application No.: PCT/PR02/02547, filed 07/17/2002

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8. ☐ A declaration under CFR 1.63 is enclosed.

9. ☒ Priority of foreign application number 01/09628, filed on 07/17/2002  
in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

☐ The certified copy is enclosed.

10. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

11. ☐ Also enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2004

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